

I remained honoured to have been nominated for candidacy for the Ward 5 City Councillor seat in last year's municipal election, and for the confidence realized either with votes, volunteerism, display of my campaign sign and/or for the financial support.

As I had previously stated, I had not seen the website directed at the incumbent nor the mock-signage until they were both in the public domain.

Having since learned that these efforts were done by either agents or volunteers with my best interest at heart, this happened on my watch and ultimately, my responsibility.

To Councillor Cassidy and to the residents of Ward 5, I regret that this matter has distracted attention from those topics truly important to our community. A website detailing the voting record and code of conduct violations of the incumbent has no need for anonymity.

To my agents and army of volunteers, I appreciate the hard work provided me through my campaign. I regret any ambiguity in our relationship that resulted in so much negative exposure of late.

For these aforementioned shortcomings, respectively, you have my sincere apology.

I have no knowledge of the website targeting Ms. Ridley.

I have no further comment.